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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: REACTION IN ZAMBIAN PRESS TO US ABSTENTION OF ZAMBIAN  
COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 3073 (NOTAL)

1. FRONT PAGE OF AUGUST 1 ZAMBIAN PRESS DOMINATED BY ACCOUNTS  
OF UNSC VOTE CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA.  
HAILING COUNCIL ACTION ON NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION AS TERRIFYING  
FACTS AS PUT FORWARD BY ZAMBIA, CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA  
INTERPRETED AS GRAVE SET-BACK TO SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY

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OF DETENTE IN BLACK AFRICA. U.S. ABSTENTION NOTED FACTUALLY

IN ACCOUNTS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMMENT.

2. FIRST EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED IN AUGUST 2 DAILY MAIL. AFTER OBSERVING THAT ONLY SUPPORT OF SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES THWARTED SECURITY COUNCIL INVOCATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, EDITORIAL IN MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER TONE COMMENTED ON U.S. ABSTENTION. U.S. INACTION DESCRIBED AS A MATTER OF CONCERN. ARGUMENTATION ADVANCED THAT NO MATTER WHAT U.S. DOING ABOUT DEFUSING SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH PROVEN ACTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA WHICH IMPOSED MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. TO SUPPORT COUNCIL'S ACTION. REMAINDER OF EDITORIAL WARNS SOUTH AFRICA TIME NOT ON ITS SIDE. NAMIBIA MUST BE FREED AND SOUTH AFRICA MUST OPENLY DENOUNCE SMITH REGIME SPEEDILY, OR COST TO SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE VERY HIGH. SECURITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES DEPENDS NOT ON WEAPONRY BEING ACQUIRED FROM FRANCE, BUT ON COOPERATION THEY WILL RECEIVE FROM BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN MAJORITY.

3. WE READ DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL AS BEING MODEST REACTION TO U.S. ABSTENTION. DELAY IN EDITORIAL REACTION AND TENOR OF COMMENT SUGGESTS GRZ MAY BE ORCHESTRATING PRESS COMMENTS. CLINGERMAN

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